

AN OLD TREE OF THE YANG MEI IN SHANGHAI. (MYRICA RUBRA SIEB. AND ZUCC., S. P. I. No. 46571.)

Its sea-green foliage and carmine-colored fruits the size of small plums make this a very attractive park tree. Its slow growth has doubtless interfered heretofore with its figuring anywhere very largely as an orchard tree, but its freedom from disease and ability to grow on rocky soils taken in connection with the excellent character of its fruits entitle it to much more attention than has been given to it so far. In Canton fruiting branches of it are common on the markets in May. In California trees have fruited in July. (Photographed by F. N. Meyer, Jessefield Park, Shanghai, China, June 11, 1915; P12298FS.)